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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES

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1. IN COURSE OF MEETING ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, I ASKED FRELIMO VICE PRESIDENT MARCELINO DOS SANTOS WHETHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES NEXT JUNE 25. HE SAID SOME, BUT NOT ALL, GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND, BUT IT WASN'T DECIDED JUST WHICH. I SAID WE WERE IN NO WAY RPT NO WAY ANGLING FOR AN INVITATION, BUT IF A DELEGATION WORTHY OF THE OCCASION WERE TO BE PUT TOGETHER, SOME LEAD TIME WOULD BE NEEDED. HE SAID HE QUITE UNDERSTOOD.

2. DOS SANTOS THEN WENT INTO A LONG SOLILOQUY ON THE GREAT EMOTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE INDEPENDENCE DAY WOULD HAVE FOR FRELIMO AS THE CULMINATION OF SO MANY YEARS OF EFFORT AND SO MUCH LOSS OF LIFE. WHEN THE NEW  
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FLAG WENT UP MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE CRYING, NOT LAUGHING.

IT WOULD BE A MOMENT FOR MOBILIZING AND INSPIRING THE MOZAMBIQUE PEOPLE FOR THE IMMENSE LABOR OF RECONSTRUCTION WHICH LAY AHEAD. MOZAMBIQUE NOW INTENDED TO HAVE RELATIONS WITH ALL NATIONS, BUT IT WAS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT RELATIONS WITH SOME COUNTRIES WOULD TAKE A WHILE TO GET USED TO. WE WOULD UNDERSTAND, HE IMPLIED, THAT MOZAMBIQUE MIGHT NOT WANT ITS FORMER ENEMIES AROUND AT THEIR SOLEMN MOMENT OF INDEPENDENCE.

3. HE THEN LAUNCHED INTO THE TOPIC OF HOW BRAZIL WAS AN ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT CASE. BRAZILIANS AS INDIVIDUALS WERE ALWAYS WELCOME, BUT HOW WAS IT POSSIBLE TO FEEL FRIENDLY WITH A GOVERNMENT WHICH, IF IT HAD NOT SUPPLIED PORTUGAL WITH ARMS AND PLANES, HAD NEVERTHELESS MAINTAINED A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HER (INSTEAD OF, HE INFERRED, HAVING USED ITS PORTUGUESE TIES TO SUPPORT THE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS).

4. COMMENT: IF DOS SANTOS MAKES THE DECISION, WHICH IS NOT NECESSARILY THE CASE, I DOUBT WE WILL GET AN INVITATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE UNDERSTAND HE RECENTLY TOLD A VISITING AMERICAN REPORTER THAT HE HOPED VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER WOULD COME. SO WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE.  
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